

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting
November 22, 2021

General Meeting called to order at 6:34PM with Pledge of Allegiance. Due to Covid issues, the meeting had been postponed for two weeks.

Board Members in Attendance: Douglas Pallman, Kevin Carr (via phone) and Robert Naegele

Board Guests in Attendance: Robert Sheils, III, solicitor; and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: D. Scot Haan, Code Enforcement Officer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of October 12, 2021, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

New Business:

Bennett Subdivision: The wetland delineation was not carried over from the original subdivision. Maps don't say lot-line adjustment or subdivision. Maps are stating that Lot A does not have wetlands but the Lot 1 that it is being added to has wetlands. **Motion by Naegele to approve the maps as long as the Bennett's put note on maps that a wetland delineation was done and is part of the original subdivision, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor, Carr abstained.**

Noto Subdivision: Mr. Noto was present to request the dedication of the road and the release of two of the three bonds. Improvements have been completed, all lots are sold and PADOT signed off of the highway occupancy permit at Country Club Road and St. Andrews Road. Supervisors wish to have the township engineer review before a vote by the December 13, 2021 meeting. Mr. Noto will hand deliver the maps to Milnes.

Kim Tenio – Daydreamers: Mrs. Tenio came to ask what the Supervisors plan to do with the Recreation Center. Supervisors discussed that have not made a decision yet but, they moved forward with having the center appraised for \$781,000. Supervisors are weighing different options. There is not much interest from the public in using the building. Board will have a decision by the next meeting.

Martin Stopper – Kimberly Circle: Mr. Stopper came to ask if the board moved on a decision regarding dead Ash Trees. Attorney Sheils has a draft letter that will go out to all residents that they will have ten days to remove or have a lien on their property if the township has to remove. There can also be a fine.

Garbage Contract: The township bid out the garbage contract because the contract is over at the end of 2021. We only had one bidder, J.P. Mascaro. There were a few options that we bid and the supervisors decided to go with a five-year contract at a yearly rate of \$598.08 that will not increase for the term of the contract. **Motion by Carr to award the five-year contract to J.P. Mascaro, 2nd by Naegele. Motion voted, all in favor. Motion by Naegele to authorize the Chairman (Douglas Pallman) to execute the contract, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Police Contract: Supervisors discussed the offer by South Abington Township Police with a significant increase per hour. Attorney Sheils has sent in a RTK request to the county for the count this year that South Abington was called out and did not respond, having to wait on the State Police. Mr. Pallman is going to reschedule a meeting that was scheduled earlier this month with Clarks Summit Chief Yarns and Mr. Pallman was also approached by Waverly Police. The Board will not accept the police quote from South Abington tonight.

COVID Policy: Attorney Sheils has put together a COVID policy for the township that has been reviewed by the Board. **Motion by Naegele to approve the policy, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.**

2022 Budget: Township has put together the proposed budget for 2022. **Motion by Naegele to approve the proposed budget for 2022 to be advertised for public review, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor. The budget has to be available for public review for 20 business days, so therefore, the budget will be approved at a special meeting at noon on December 22, 2021.**

Motion was also made by Naegele to pay off the loan for the recreation center for the amount of \$127,825.79, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Road Master: Naegele reported on the work done this past month by the DPW. We are still waiting on the DEP permits for the culverts before we can bid out the work. A letter was received by a resident, Nick Bryk, billing the township for plugging up a cross pipe on Port Royal Road.

Solicitor: A letter was received by a resident, Nick Bryk, billing the township for plugging up a cross pipe on Port Royal Road. Solicitor has looked into the legalities and it was determined that the DPW will open the pipe back up. A ditch that goes between properties was filled in, therefore, the water wasn't going where it is supposed to. This pipe and ditch have been there for many years. Attorney Sheils will also reply to an email received by the township from a resident complaining about the neighbor doing work on his property with machines.

Bills: Motion by Naegele to approve the bills as read and prepared, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Being no further public input and discussion, Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Pallman. Motion voted, all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett